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Merger of Deputy Tahsildar's office, Pennalurpet with Tiruvallur Taluk office.

* 1508 *Q.*—SRI M. DHARMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to merge the Deputy Tahsildar's office, Pennalurpet, now taken over by the Government from Thirumalai–Thirupathi Devasthanam, with the Taluk office, Tiruvallur, for administrative convenience; and

(*b*) if so, the stage at which the proposal stands at present?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" (*a*) No, Sir.

" (*b*) Does not arise."

Seshasayee Institute of Technology.

* 1509 *Q.*—SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any representations regarding the Seshasayee Institute of Technology, Tiruchirappalli, for grants and recognition; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) In August 1954 a memorandum was presented to Minister (Finance and Education) by certain M.L.As. of Tiruchirappalli and Tanjore districts requesting Government to consider the possibility of developing the Seshasayee Institute of Technology at Tiruchirappalli into a full-fledged Polytechnic with financial assistance from the Centre and urging Government to recognize some of the new courses introduced in the institute. The Seshasayee Institute of Technology also has made similar representations to Government.

" (*b*) The question of developing the institute into a Polytechnic with financial assistance from the Centre is under consideration. As regards recognition of new courses, the Technological Diploma Examination Board, Madras, at its meeting held on 31st January 1955 has granted permission to start new courses in the institute from July 1955."

Anti-malarial Scheme.

9 a.m. * 1510 *Q.*—SRI M. DHARMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any representation has been received from the villagers of Ekkadu and Tiruvallur requesting the Government to extend the Anti-malarial Scheme to Ekkadu and Tiruvallur; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) No, Sir.

" (*b*) Does not arise."

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SRI M. DHARMALINGAM :—" Sir, the other day the Hon. the Minister for Finance replying to a question on the floor of this House said that Tiruvallur has been declared as a filarial area and that the Government have not made any arrangement to protect the public from an attack of this disease. Tiruvallur is noted for mosquitoes. Will the Government therefore consider the necessity for extending the Anti-malarial Scheme to Tiruvallur and surrounding villages? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" So far as the departmental information goes, there are no active cases of malaria in the two villages of Ekkadu and Tiruvallur."

SRI M. DHARMALINGAM :—" Sir, may I know whether Government have made any enquiry to find out whether a large number of patients were being treated in the hospital for malaria? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Yes, Sir, enquiry can be made."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Sir, now that this question has been posed on the floor of this House, will the Government institute an enquiry into the fact whether this tract is infested with malaria? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Yes, Sir, that is what I said. So far as the department are concerned, they have no information that there are active cases. The Public Health Department also have not received any representation from the people of these two villages."

Regeneration of forests.

* 1511 *Q.*—SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN (on behalf of Sri K. Aranganathan) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the extent of forest regeneration area in the Madras State now ; and

(*b*) the amount spent for the regeneration of forests in 1954?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) The area regenerated is now 26,752·17 acres.

" (*b*) Rs. 7,05,618."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" Sir, does regeneration mean only prevention of denudation of forests or taking any concrete steps for the growth of new forests? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Regeneration does mean planting new species of trees which could be utilized for fuel and other purposes."

SRI K. KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE :—" Sir, may I know whether this replanting or regeneration of forests is being done according to any specific plan and if so will the Government consider to extend the regeneration scheme to private forests also in some planned manner? "